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CHAPTER 24

# HOUSE BILL 2059

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-2024, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE BOARD OF  
PHYSICAL THERAPY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-2024, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 32-2024. Examinations

5 A. The board shall prescribe examinations for licensure and  
6 certification and determine the passing score.

7 B. AN APPLICANT MAY TAKE THE EXAMINATIONS FOR LICENSURE IF EITHER OF  
8 THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

9 1. THE APPLICANT HAS MET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 32-2022,  
10 SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 3 AND HAS PAID THE FEES PRESCRIBED BY THIS  
11 CHAPTER.

12 2. THE APPLICANT HAS:

13 (a) MET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 32-2022, SUBSECTION A,  
14 PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2.

15 (b) PAID THE FEES PRESCRIBED BY THIS CHAPTER.

16 (c) SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION A LETTER ON THE OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD  
17 OF THE ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WHERE THE APPLICANT IS COMPLETING  
18 AN ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES THE SIGNATURE OF THE PROGRAM  
19 DIRECTOR, THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON OR A SIMILARLY AUTHORIZED PERSON OF THE  
20 UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE AND THAT STATES THAT:

21 (i) THE APPLICANT IS A CANDIDATE FOR A DEGREE AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST  
22 AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED GRADUATION DATE.

23 (ii) THE DATE THE NATIONAL EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE IS TO BE TAKEN BY  
24 THE APPLICANT IS THE ONE NEAREST TO AND BEFORE THE APPLICANT'S EXPECTED  
25 GRADUATION DATE AND IS NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS BEFORE THE DATE  
26 OF THE APPLICANT'S EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE.

27 (iii) THE APPLICANT MEETS ANY OTHER ESTABLISHED REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
28 ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, IF APPLICABLE.

29 ~~B. C. An applicant may take the examination EXAMINATIONS for~~  
30 ~~licensure if the applicant has met all of the requirements of section~~  
31 ~~32-2022, subsection A or B, PARAGRAPHS 1 THROUGH 6 and has paid the fees~~  
32 ~~prescribed by this chapter. The national examination shall test entry level~~  
33 ~~competency related to physical therapy theory, examination and evaluation,~~  
34 ~~diagnosis, prognosis, treatment intervention, prevention and consultation.~~

35 ~~C. D. An applicant may take the examination EXAMINATIONS for~~  
36 ~~certification if EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:~~

37 1. The applicant has met all of the requirements of section 32-2022,  
38 subsection D, PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 3 and has paid the fees prescribed by this  
39 chapter. ~~The national examination shall test for requisite knowledge and~~  
40 ~~skills in the technical application of physical therapy services.~~

41 2. THE APPLICANT HAS:

42 (a) MET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 32-2022, SUBSECTION D,  
43 PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2.

44 (b) PAID THE FEES PRESCRIBED BY THIS CHAPTER.

1 (c) SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION A LETTER ON THE OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD  
2 OF THE ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WHERE THE APPLICANT IS COMPLETING  
3 AN ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES THE SIGNATURE OF THE PROGRAM  
4 DIRECTOR, THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON OR A SIMILARLY AUTHORIZED PERSON OF THE  
5 UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OR COLLEGE AND THAT STATES THAT:

6 (i) THE APPLICANT IS A CANDIDATE FOR A CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE AS A  
7 PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED GRADUATION DATE.

8 (ii) THE DATE THE NATIONAL EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATION IS TO BE  
9 TAKEN BY THE APPLICANT IS THE ONE NEAREST TO AND BEFORE THE APPLICANT'S  
10 EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE AND IS NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS BEFORE  
11 THE DATE OF THE APPLICANT'S EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE.

12 (iii) THE APPLICANT MEETS ANY OTHER ESTABLISHED REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
13 ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, IF APPLICABLE.

14 D. E. An applicant for licensure or certification who does not pass  
15 the NATIONAL examination after the first attempt may retake the examination  
16 one additional time within six months after the first failure without  
17 reapplication for licensure or certification. An applicant may retake the  
18 examination EXAMINATIONS as prescribed by the organization that administers  
19 the examination EXAMINATIONS.

20 E. F. The board shall not issue a license or certificate to a person  
21 who passes an examination through fraud.

22 G. THE NATIONAL EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST  
23 SHALL TEST ENTRY LEVEL COMPETENCE RELATED TO PHYSICAL THERAPY THEORY,  
24 EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION, DIAGNOSIS, PROGNOSIS, TREATMENT INTERVENTION,  
25 PREVENTION AND CONSULTATION. THE NATIONAL EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS A  
26 PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT SHALL TEST FOR REQUISITE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN  
27 THE TECHNICAL APPLICATION OF PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES.

28 Sec. 2. Emergency

29 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the  
30 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by  
31 law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 15, 2012.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 15, 2012.

Passed the House January 26, 2012

Passed the Senate March 8, 2012

by the following vote: 55 Ayes,

by the following vote: 28 Ayes,

0 Nays, 4 Not Voting  
*with Emergency*  
L. M. P. Vacant  
Speaker of the House

0 Nays, 2 Not Voting  
*with Emergency*  
Sylvia Green  
President of the Senate

Cheryl Laube  
Chief Clerk of the House

Charmin Ballenger  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 20 12

at 11:10 o'clock A M.

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of

March

at 5:40 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 20 12

at 5:41 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary of State

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